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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION BUT BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE (37 CFR 1.97(d))

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the final office action under 37 CFR 1.113 but before the payment of the Issue Fee.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d):

- 1) Accompanying this transmittal is a certification, as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).
- 2) Applicants submit the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) (\$180.00) for submission of the Information Statement Disclosure. The required fees are calculated below:

Information Disclosure Statement Fee (set forth in 37 CFR. 1.17(p))

\$180.00

TOTAL FEE DUE:

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER LISTED IN THE EFS REGISTERED CREDIT CARD SCREEN, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0074/071001. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner.

Enclosed also are eight new references that were cited and discussed in the office action mailed on August 31, 2010 from the Japan Patent Office in a related application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514975). Please note that Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-184313 has already been submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Please note that seven Japanese Patent Application Publications along with their English translations are also enclosed. The English abstracts of these references are also enclosed.

Please also note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translations may not precisely reflect the original Japanese texts.

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It is hereby certified that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under § 1.97(d) is currently due. As stated in the attached Transmittal Letter, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee and any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to the Credit Card number listed on the EFS Registered Credit Card Screen, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0074/071001.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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